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Another Dollar Called To Be A Minister

J. C. Dollar delivered the morning message on Sunday, August 10th, at the Congregational Christian Church (UCC), Lanett, Alabama. Mr. Dollar grew up in Lanett, graduating from Lanett High School in 1967, and was a member of the Panther football squad. He comes from a line of ministers—his great-grandfather, two great-uncles, the late Rev. John Dollar and the Rev. Dr. Jesse H. Dollar, now area minister of the East Alabama Association, two uncles, the late Rev. Carl Dollar of Holland, Virginia, and the Rev. Melvin Dollar, minister of Church Extension of the Florida Conference.

The Rev. Walter Hall, pastor of the Lanett church, said, "Dollar has felt the calling for some time to prepare for the ministry. It was while watching his church building burn the night of May 19 that the 'call' became very clear and he told his bride-to-be of his decision." On Sunday, June 22, J. C. Dollar and Miss Carolyn Still were married.

Mr. Dollar is enrolled as a ministerial student at Elon College in North Carolina.

In connection with the annual church

Churchmanship Institutes Planned

CENTRAL ALABAMA: Sept. 14—Talladega, Mt. Olive

SOUTH ALABAMA: Sept. 28 — Andalusia, 1st

EAST ALABAMA: Nov. 2 — Phenix City, Russell Woods

Nov. 9 — Lanett, Huguley

Nov. 16 — Roanoke, Rock Stand

GA.-S. C.: Nov. 23 — Braselton, Macedonia

Dec. 7 — Atlanta, First

Dec. 14 — Savannah, First

N. ALABAMA: Jan. 11 — Cullman, St. John's

Jan. 18 — Nashville, Brookmeade

Jan. 25 — Sweetwater, First

Dr. Ensminger Dies

Dr. Fred P. Ensminger, pastor, teacher, administrator, died August 15, 1969, in Birmingham, Alabama, at the age of 93. Burial was in Columbus, Georgia. He is survived by his three sons and their families.

Born in Independence, Iowa, Dr. Ensminger graduated from Rollins College in Florida and from Andover-Newton Theological Seminary in Massachusetts. He later taught at Rollins College and served as president of Southern Union College, Wadley, Alabama.

He served as area superintendent of the Congregational Christian Churches in the Southeast Convention and also organized several churches in this area. He was a beloved minister and after retirement he served as associate minister of the Sanford, Florida, Congregational Christian Church, where he was living.

Established by Dr. Ensminger and his sons in memory of his wife, the Annie B. Ensminger Memorial Foundation provides funds for the training of ministerial students to serve more adequately in their day.

picnic of the Lanett Church, a "going away party" was held, honoring J. C. and Carolyn. A check for \$100 was presented to the young Dollars from the Lanett Church.

New Hope Church Has Eventful Summer



Under the leadership of Mr. Paul Robinson, a student from Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., and his wife, Dorothy, the members of New Hope, Clio, Alabama, have enjoyed fellowship and challenge.

The summer began with the pouring of a 20' x 60' concrete picnic area. It served well for several church suppers as well as the Sunday lunch of homecoming. As a gathering point for the youth, the teenagers also used it for a series of cookouts.

One of the rooms of the church was remodeled as an office and library last winter. Through the gradual donation of books, the library was growing. Dr. Wilbur Deming of Fairfield, Connecticut, added a hundred volumes from the library he was dismantling. The New Hope Church library now has a large collection of books covering a variety of topics.

Midway through the summer, New Hope Church held its annual revival which was conducted by Mr. Robinson. With the conclusion of the revival, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson took time off to visit relatives in Texas. Upon their return, the church launched a Vacation Church School, which had not been offered to the community in several years.

The second week of August was devoted to church camp. With a New Hope camper, the Robinsons trooped to Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga., for a week of Junior and Junior High camp.

Paul and Dorothy Robinson came to Clio on June 12, 1969, to serve New Hope Church in a summer ministry.

Going To Church Is Walking With God

Critics sometimes have called Christianity a "Sunday religion" and have accused Christians of making church-going an end in itself. The critics are partly right, though they do not understand it. In some ways, going to church IS an end in itself . . . just like any other expression of love. We go to worship God, to express our love for Him, and to experience anew His love for us. Just as any human family needs periods of privacy in its own home, God's family needs to come together regularly in the privacy of His house.

But our worship in church has another purpose — to confirm our love so that we can walk with God at all times, even when we must go down into the jangling clamour and countless temptations of the factories, offices, and market places to earn our bread. To sustain us in our union with Him so that we walk through the world upright as children of God and witnesses of Christ, we need these regular periods in His House so that we may be stronger than the world.

YOUR CHURCH IS YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME.

Pilgrim Church,
Birmingham

1969 Association Meetings

- OCTOBER 4, NORTH ALABAMA — Mt. Grove Church, Hanceville, Ala., 9:30 a. m.
- OCTOBER 11, S. ALA.-N. W. FLA. — 10:00 a. m., Blackwood Church, Headland, Ala.
- OCTOBER 12, CENTRAL ALABAMA — Mt. Olive Church, 2:30 p. m., Tallassee, Alabama
- OCTOBER 15, EAST ALABAMA — Lowell Church, Roanoke, Ala., 10:00 a. m.
- OCTOBER 16, EAST ALABAMA — First Church, Phenix City, Ala., 10:00 a. m.
- OCTOBER 18, N. ALA. & TENN. — 10:00 a. m. **Associations**, Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. (N. Ala.-Tenn. associations include North Alabama, Alabama-Mississippi, Ala.-Tenn., and Tenn.-Ky.)
- OCTOBER 25, GEORGIA - SOUTH CAROLINA — 10:00 a. m. **Associations** (2), at the Holiday Inn of Augusta, 1602 Fort Gordon Highway, Augusta, Ga.

Youths Vacation In France And Russia

Moscow — Leningrad — Tallinn — Riga. These are the places to go for a vacation if you are a high school senior who has studied Russian for four years. Thus, Miss Paula Caruthers, a member of First Congregational Church (Atlanta), along with twelve other Washington High School students, visited Russia for twenty days this summer.

Their trip, sponsored by the Cultural Relations Committee, involved lectures, meetings with teens, speaking with people on the streets, tours of historic places, and sightseeing.

According to Miss Caruthers, the Russian people seemed to like Americans and were friendly and courteous toward them. People on the streets came up to the Americans and talked with them about politics, the home area of the visitors, and about things Russian. The group of Negro students encountered no racial prejudice while in Russia, said Miss Caruthers.

The Russians have a high appreciation for the sacrifices which earlier generations made in order to realize the good values which today exist in the nation.

Miss Caruthers is the recording secretary of the Southeast Youth.

Vacation is to travel.

Vacation is to have fun.

Vacation is to refresh the whole individual, including his mind.

Miss Andrea Young, a 9th grade student at Southwest High School in Atlanta, decided all three are proper. So she went to Europe for six weeks during the summer.

While attending the City University of Rheims, France, she traveled to England, Holland, Switzerland, and Belgium.

Her studies of the French language, history and culture were in connection with a project sponsored by the Foreign Study League. Miss Young has studied French for six years in grammar school and one year in high school. Being an advanced student, she met more French college students than teenagers.

Anti-American feelings are found in many French people, she said. Pro-American sentiments are also noticeable in many. Miss Young indicated that her relations with the French people were very cordial.

Miss Young is a member of First

Valley District Youth Rally

The Valley District U. C. Y. Rally was held July 26, 1969, at the Boy Scout Camp, Pine Mountain, Ga. The Lanett U. C. Y. was in charge of all activities.

Registration began at 1:00 p. m. After registration, the youth had their regular business session. Old as well as new business was discussed.

The theme for the rally was **Christian Youth Involvement in Church Affairs**. A discussion period was planned and carried out by three groups. A mass summary was then given by representatives of each group. It was decided that there seems to be a lack of interest in church affairs among today's young people.

Several suggestions were brought before the group, and a promise was given by almost all the young people that we will, in the future, accept more responsibility. To summarize the whole discussion in a simple statement, "Give a Christian young person a job today and we will do our best to accept the challenge."

Assignment to cabins and a rest period followed. We were privileged to have with us Bobby Lockwood, a great person with a Christian youth testimony that warms one's heart.

We carried out our Indian Relief project by packing the books collected by our group.

All then enjoyed swimming in the camp's pool. We had hamburgers for dinner. A five-mile hike to Lost Falls was led by our incomparable Terrell Shaddix.

Game and fellowship time was undertaken by some very tired campers. Lights out!

Morning came early on Sunday, July 27, when the breakfast bell rang at 7:30 a. m.

Sunday School was taught by Mrs. Gwen Holly. J. C. Dollar talked on the subject "Weighed and Found Wanting" for our church service.

The meeting was adjourned immediately after lunch.

Barbara Hull, Secretary
Valley District U. C. Y.

Congregational Church (Atlanta) and is the daughter of the Rev. Andrew Young, executive vice-president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Revival At Langdale Church Held August 18-22, 1969

Dr. David L. Beebe, chaplain of Berry College and Academy, Mt. Berry, Georgia (near Rome), was speaker for the revival services held at the Langdale Congregational Christian Church. The Rev. Allen B. Hollis Jr. is the pastor of the church.

Dr. Beebe's sermon topics were:

Monday — "The Seekers"

Tuesday — "The Razor's Edge"

Wednesday — "Pleasant Gospel Christian Church"

Thursday — "The Liberator"

Friday — "Yours for the Asking"

There was special music at each service by Larry Adcock, music director.

St. John's United Church, Cullman, Alabama

The pastor, Rev. George A. Fidler, held the revival at Mt. Grove Congregational Church, Hanceville, August 10-15. The Men's Chorus sang on Sunday and Monday night and the Senior Choir on Wednesday night.

St. John's prayer meeting was moved to the Mt. Grove Church on Wednesday night, and all of St. John's congregation was invited.

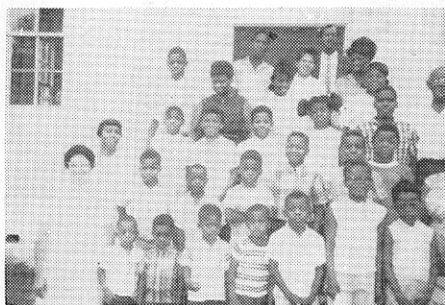
The men of St. John's Church had a breakfast on Sunday morning, August 17, at 8:00. The cooking and dishwashing were done by the church councilmen.

The Youth Fellowship is presently engaged in trying to participate in a Coffee House Ministry for its members and friends.

Biloxi, Mississippi

Backbay Mission and Church survived the destruction of Hurricane Camille. All the United Church of Christ staff and volunteers escaped unharmed. Food is available, but drinking water is scarce. The church property — mission, church, and parsonage — are standing and have been pressed into service in an all-out effort to relieve and prevent suffering. As one observer was heard to remark: "Like trying to run a supermarket with one clerk!"

The Service Division of the Board for Homeland Ministries immediately sent \$2,000 from its emergency relief fund. The "One Great Hour/Share Our Substance" offering made this possible. Conference and Church World Service material aid is on the way to Biloxi.



Vacation Church Schools Held

Evergreen Congregational Church at Beachton, Georgia, held a Bible School July 28 - August 1, with Miss Dorothy Devillars as instructor and Mrs. Adella Clark, acting superintendent. "The Church" was used as the theme. Pastor is Rev. Ellis Fann. Enrolled — 28.

Vacation Church Schools were held at Bonanza United Church of Christ, at Blackwood Congregational Christian Church, Headland, and at the New Hope Congregational Christian (UCC) at Clio, Alabama. All reported good attendance — Bonanza, 80 pupils; Blackwood, 36 pupils; New Hope, 10 pupils.

Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, held a joint Vacation Church School with the Stanley Methodist Church. 23 children from Pilgrim Church attended, 55 from the Stanley Methodist Church.

Circular Church, Charleston, Holds Christian Education Workshop

The Minister of Christian Education of the Southeast Conference, Emilie Pitcock, and Mrs. Alleen Wood of Edisto Island, S. C., provided the leadership for a three-day workshop in Christian Education at Circular Church, Charleston, S. C., August 18-20.

Sessions began each day at 5:00 p. m., recessed for supper, and then returned to Lance Hall, where they continued until 9:00 p. m. At the request of the pastor, Rev. Robert W. Boston, and the Christian Education Committee, concerns centered on expectations of children and youth of different ages, what it means to teach for Christian commitment, the use of space and equipment, and the content of the United Church curriculum, particularly for the September - January term.

On Monday, Mrs. Wood, who is in charge of a day-care program at Edis-

Herman E. Ward Dies

Funeral services for Herman E. Ward, a member of the United Congregational Christian Church, Beacon Avenue, Columbus, Georgia, were held August 9, 1969, at Striffer-Hamby Chapel. Graveside services were conducted by Rose Hill Masonic Lodge 484, of which he was a past Master, and K. C. C. H. of Columbus Bodies of Scottish Rite.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Wood Ward; two daughters, Mrs. Sue Godwin and Miss Linda Marilyn Ward.

Blackwood Teachers Dedicated

On Sunday morning, August 10, the teachers and workers for the Vacation Bible School at Blackwood Congregational Christian Church, Headland, Ala., were dedicated by Mrs. Otto Culpepper, wife of the minister and director of Christian Education at the church.

to Island, funded by the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., provided most of the leadership of teachers of nursery and kindergarten children. In addition to using a leadership film-strip, she gave practical suggestions on the meaning of Christian commitment for nursery and kindergarten children, improving the physical equipment, and session planning. Miss Pitcock led the Tuesday and Wednesday session.

Tuesday's session was for teachers of children and youth of grades five thru eight. Although part of the session was held as a unit, there were times when the Junior and Junior High teachers separated into two groups. For example, at one point, Junior High teachers listened to the record "A Talk with Junior Highs", while Junior teachers worked on a project of particular interest to them.

Teachers of Primaries and lower Juniors attended on Wednesday. Since most of these teachers were new, emphasis was placed on the expectations of the particular age groups and on the content of the courses "In the Image of God" and "Understanding Ourselves."

Following supper, teachers were asked to enter their classroom portion of Lance Hall as if they had never been there before. Thus emerged from the teachers themselves some ideas for improving the "image" of their task.

This was the beginning of periodic workshops being anticipated at Circular Church. How is your church helping its teachers?

Reader Comments On Southeast News

By Minnie Lee Thomas, Trinity, Ala.

How can we measure the worth of the printed page? We can't — but as long as there are souls to be saved and bodies to be healed, we must keep sending gospel literature — tons and tons of it! How do you feel about your own **Southeast News** paper? As a minister, have you made it your deep concern to see that each member of your church has a copy? Until our ministers and spiritual workers wake up and try to reach the dark corners of our churches, in many instances the only means of salvation and deliverance to desperate lost souls is through the printed page, such as the **Southeast News**.

190,000,000 Americans are regular watchers of television. I have been told that that is more than ten times the number who attend church on a given Sunday. God has burdened my heart to send this **Southeast News** where the people are, where the needs are — the unsaved, the sick, the hungry, the angry and bitter minds, the lonely men on the battle fields.

How many copies of this paper has your church sent? How many blessings have you reported to Rev. Andes to be used in the good work of Christian literature? Soon, our associations will convene and what do we bring — "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." (Philippians 4:17).

I want to congratulate each of you who believes you have a higher calling than your job. Whether you work in a mill or on a farm, or are a business executive or a housewife, God wants His Word carried through the printed page. What is your part? God has called you to pray for and support this ministry, and to share in the winning of souls. Your calling is just as holy a calling as that of anyone.

I realize that you cannot personally go to the nations with the gospel. But giving and supporting our needs as Rev. Andes calls for our help, can be the same as going yourself, for you are sending someone in your place. Therefore, you will share in the reward of joy and blessing. The Bible says that those who stay home and send others have the same reward as those who go. "As his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part (or share) alike. (Samuel 30:24). We are soul

Uplands Has Plans For The Future

Since its beginning in 1922, Uplands at Pleasant Hill, Tenn., has sought to serve all people who came to its door. With current needs and future opportunities in mind, the Uplands Board of Directors is now embarking on an exciting new venture in long-range planning. The board has secured for guidance in this venture Mr. Kenneth Johnson, architect, an active member of Central Congregational Church, Atlanta. Mr. Johnson is an A. I. A. architect and registered engineer with special training and experience in land development and use.

Mr. Johnson is considering closely Uplands' land holdings, contours, wooded areas, and open spaces. The primary purpose of this study is to provide guidance in Uplands basic planning for future development of retirement facilities, subdivisions, and other phases of its ministry as a church-related center. Location and type of future buildings, layout of streets and recreation areas, general beautification, improved use of Uplands' grounds, and possible changes in policies regarding retirement living at Uplands are included in this detailed study and long-range planning program.

Lanett Has Revival

Revival services were held at the Congregational Christian Church (UCC), Lanett, Alabama, beginning Sunday, August 17, and running thru Sunday night, August 24.

The evangelist was the Rev. Dolan A. Talbert, pastor of Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Altamahaw, N. C. Mr. Talbert grew up in the Albemarle Church, where Rev. Walter Hall was pastor from 1947 to 1951. He is a graduate of Elon College and of Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C.

winners ogether with God. Let us bring our tithes to the storehouse of the Lord.

Some people try to give themselves without giving of their money. Or some try to give money instead of their lives. Neither will work, for you cannot separate your money from your earnings.

Have we brought ours? There is no easy way, but as I have indicated, it is a scriptural way, and the blessing of God accompanies it to "whosoever will."

(Member of Caddo C. C. Church)

Pastor's Paragraphs (John J. Roemer)

Highly recommended for your reading is the book "None of These Diseases" by S. I. McMillen, M. D. The part I liked best was the following poem, which is certainly more truth than poetry:

THE PRAYER OF THE MEEK

Lord, keep me from becoming talkative and possessed with the idea that I must express myself in every subject.

Release me from the craving to straighten out everyone's affairs.

Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be wrong.

Make me helpful but not too bossy. With my vast store of wisdom and experience, it does seem a pity not to use it all —

But thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Amen.

The longer I am in the ministry the more convinced I am that this ought to be the prayer of each and everyone. How tempting it is to become possessed with our very being until we isolate ourselves into a loneliness which is unbearable. This prayer could certainly change a lot of lives. Amen.

Lancaster Seminary Has Interim President

Dr. Theodore A. Distler, president emeritus of Franklin and Marshall College and president emeritus of the Association of American Colleges, was elected interim president of Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Mr. Distler assumed office on September 1. He succeeds Dr. Robert V. Moss Jr., who has been president of Lancaster Seminary since 1957 and who submitted his resignation after having been elected president of the United Church of Christ on June 30.

Laity Observance Set For Sunday, Oct. 12

The churches of the Southeast Conference will observe Laity Sunday on October 12.

Members of the laity, men and women, will conduct or participate in the services on that Sunday.

Each church, through its minister, has received materials for use for the observance. Materials may be secured from: Council for Lay Life and Work, 297 Park Avenue S., New York, N. Y. 10010.

New Interest Aroused In Camps And Conferences

Although final reports have not come in, all indications are that we have rounded the corner of frustration and apathy regarding the SEC summer camping programs. To be sure, two Senior High events originally scheduled to be held at Dorchester Center were cancelled because of lack of registrations and adequate leadership, but the Senior High Camp held at Anderson Creek attracted young people from as far away as McIntosh, Georgia.

Deep discussions, drama, "happenings", a work day at a nearby church — these events, as well as sports, claimed the attention of twenty-five Senior Highs and their directors. A more detailed report will be given later in the *Southeast News*.

Junior camping provided a new dimension in our summer offerings, and it appears to have been well received. At a Junior Camp at Ozone, Tennessee, one of our U. C. C. churches provided more than one-third of the total number of campers. At Dorchester Center, the Juniors and Junior Highs were both small groups, so that most of their activities were done together. At Roosevelt State Park, the Juniors and Junior Highs were in camp at the same time, but nearly all of their program was held separately.

As further reports are received in the Conference office, we shall publish them in the *Southeast News* so our readers may share the excitements, frustrations and challenges.

Meanwhile, it is not too early to plan for the summer of 1970. The following ways are suggested: (1) Plan now to include summer camping in the total Christian Emphasis of your church. Camping is not an appendage, but an important part of a young person's total development.

(2) As soon as possible, dates will be announced. Watch for them; publicize them early. Take them into account in planning for Vacation Bible Schools; urge your people to remember SEC camping schedules and avoid them, if possible, in planning for family vacations.

(3) Put camping into your church budget. Although the Camp and Conference Committee keeps costs as low as possible, the rates are sometimes prohibitive, especially if more than one child in a family is eligible to attend. Many churches pay part of their campers' fee. How about yours doing the

Crusade Against Hunger

Like the weather, hunger is often talked about, but not really attacked. But the filmstrip "Crusade Against Hunger" illustrates the fact that many people are attacking problems of hunger at their very roots.

It may come as a surprise that even prosperous, middle-class people live in the shadow of hunger. "All of us do," affirms the filmstrip, and it goes on to say that "Some responsible authorities predict that by 1976 a billion people may be dying of hunger." For some people, however, "starvation is NOW—not tomorrow."

What is being done — what can be done — to come to grips with such a massive need? "Crusade Against Hunger" points out that although governments must bear much of the responsibility for famine prevention, the churches have a significant role to plan, too. And in many ways both nationals and people from other countries are helping people not just produce more and better food, but also to live richer and more abundant lives in other ways; talking with farmers about seed, fertilizer and insect control, rotation of crops, and irrigation; sending mobile units to villages with audiovisual aids about agriculture, nutrition, family planning, community development; teaching women how to cook strange new vegetables; making odorless latrines; raising hardier crops; organizing clubs of young farmers; teaching by example, as well as word; helping farmers to grow better animals; introducing use of farm machinery — these, to name just a few.

In the filmstrip we actually hear from men and women who are doing such work. And they call on you and me to participate in this important Christian ministry.

"Crusade Against Hunger" is a color,

same thing?

(4) A quality camping experience requires quality leadership. The Southeast Conference is prepared to train leaders, but first we must have the leaders. Help your Camp and Conference Committee to find such people, so that training may be more nearly on a year-around basis.

The foregoing are good places for local churchmen to begin. Watch for detailed reports on the 1969 camps in future issues of the *Southeast News* and plan for ways to make the 1970 camps even better.

SPOTLIGHT: On Latin America

Second smallest of our overseas mission fields in terms of dollars budgeted, Latin America is nonetheless an important part of Our Christian World Mission. The United Church Board for World Ministries (UCBWM) at last count supported 29 persons in the region. Our work includes evangelism and Bible translation programs, community development, leadership development, theological Christian communications projects, church renewals and self-help support, and agricultural missions. More than \$350,000 worth of work in all.

● Region-wide — \$22,322 (projects not assignable to any one country).

● Argentina — \$24,504 and 2 missionaries (1 couple).

● Bolivia — \$1,500.

● Brazil — \$17,164 and 2 missionaries (1 couple).

● Caribbean — \$5,000.

● Chile — \$500.

● Ecuador — \$26,396 and 2 missionaries (1 couple) and ten additional missionaries (5 couples) sponsored jointly with other denominations.

● Honduras — \$192,857 and 14 missionaries.

● Mexico — \$63,544 and 4 missionaries (2 couples).

● Uruguay — \$7,200.

● Venezuela — \$150.

In British Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Haiti, the UCBWM participates only through such organizations as Church World Service, Agricultural Missions, Inc., and the Heifer Project.

sound filmstrip (107 frames), recently received in the Conference office, and is available to our churches for return postage. Write: Rev. Emilie F. Pitcock, P. O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

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Neighbors In Need Gives Opportunity

One nation indivisible, a nation with liberty and justice for all — these are the objectives to which we pledge ourselves in our oath of allegiance to our country. To love God with all our heart, mind, soul and strength and to love our neighbor as ourselves — these are high priority commandments from our Lord for all who profess Christian faith.

It is inconceivable that a literate American can live through a single day without an awareness of the struggle of minority groups in our nation to gain these blessings to which we so glibly pledge ourselves.

The Seventh General Synod felt in Boston the impact of the cry for racial equality and justice and sought channels through which the members of the United Church of Christ could act to expedite justice and promote understanding and good will. A Commission for Racial Justice was approved with a minimum of \$500,000 guaranteed for 1970. This commission, with a trained staff, will fund programs designed to lift disadvantaged Americans to the level of self-help and dignity. Education, community organization, job training, housing renewal and construction, economic and cultural development are the main emphases of these programs.

The \$500,000 will be provided in part through a response to the all-church offering for "Neighbors in Need", which is scheduled for October 5, 1969. Free promotional materials are available now upon request from the Literature Distribution Service, Stewardship Council, 1050 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102.

All churches are urged to participate. Simple NIN materials were included in the Stewardship Council 1969 Fall Packet. All monies received through the NIN offering will support the programs of the Commission for Racial Justice but will not be credited to Basic Support for OCWM. Local churches should send their offerings to their conference office.

Materials for this offering should be ordered immediately. Open your heart and your hand to your neighbor.



"An Open Heart And An Open Hand"

On Sunday, October 5, congregations of the United Church of Christ from Maine to Hawaii will join in our annual all-church offering for Neighbors in Need. Once again in 1969 this annual appeal will be used to help fund the Commission for Racial Justice.

"Open your heart," the appeal asks, "open your hand." The needs of our neighbors — in rural parts of the country and in metropolitan areas — has never been greater.

Despite the mounting pressure for massive government funding, there continues to be a need for the kind of pilot project and fringe high-risk programs which the church and private voluntary agencies are best at.

Your congregation can:

- Consider the needs of nearby neighbors and act to help them.
- See the new filmstrip "This Family Called Man."
- Get your free copy NOW from the Stewardship Council, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19102, and schedule for congregational showing in September.

● Invite individual participation in the annual offering on Sunday, October 5, and forward all receipts from the offering to your conference treasurer marked "Neighbors in Need."

And you can:

- Respond with generosity and concern.
- Open your heart. Open your hand.

Additional Actions Taken, Seventh General Synod

June 25 - July 2, 1969, Boston, Mass.

General Synod established a 15-member Committee on Theological Education to begin functioning January 1, 1970, and guaranteed it funding of \$350,000 in 1970 and \$400,000 in 1971.

With fewer than a dozen delegates under thirty, the Synod voted that youth thirty years and under shall constitute at least twenty percent of the membership of the next Synod.

The Synod complimented the Board for World Ministries because 85 percent of its overseas work is ecumenical.

UCC members were urged to help mitigate suffering overseas by increasing substantially their gifts through OGH-SOS, Directed Gifts, and Second Mile Giving.

The Synod adopted a budget for the national instrumentalities of \$11,500,000 for 1970 and \$12,500,000 for 1971. Included in the budget were the guarantees voted to the new Commission on Racial Justice and Committee on Theological Education.

From the Statement of Purpose and Mission, Structures Committee, UCC

"The United Church of Christ . . . is a church of pioneering spirit which seeks to serve God in terms which are relevant to the changing times . . . The commission is from God; the field of action is the world . . . The tasks to be undertaken and the methods to be employed take shape both in loyalty to Christ and in response to the changing world."